

A HEAVENLY TREASURE HUNT

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. LORD LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH BE YOUR WORDS AND OPEN EACH AND EVERY PERSONS EARS AND HEART TO RECEIVE YOUR MESSAGE; AMEN
- II. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A HEAVENLY TREASURE HUNT
- III. WHILE IN FLORIDA SERVING THE LORD WE SPENT MY BIRTHDAY IN KEY WEST: THERE WE TOURRED AN EXIBIT SHOWING THE RESULTS OF A TREASURE SHIP FOUND WITH MILLIONS IN TREASURE – THIS SHIP WAS FOUND AFTER A THIRTY YEAR SEARCH AT GREAT COST – THE MAN THAT SEARCHED ALL THOSE YEARS EVEN LOST HIS SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW IN A DIVING ACCIDENT DURING THAT SEARCH. HIS TREASURE WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST EVER RECOVERED FROM THE OCEAN WATERS. YOU COULD REACH INSIDE A PLASTIC BOX AND LIFT A GOLD BAR RESCUED FROM THE OCEANS DEPTHS. THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS THE BAR WAS BIGGER THAN THE HOLE YOU REACHED IN THROUGH SO YOU COULD NOT TAKE THE GOLD BAR. The exhibit was great - the man has since died - what good is that treasure doing him now!
- IV. SCRIPTURE THAT SAYS LAY UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN; **MATTHEW 6:20**
- V. TREASURES IN HEAVEN - WHAT TREASURES HAVE YOU LAYED UP?
- VI. HUMOR ABOUT MAN THAT COULD TAKE IT ALL WITH HIM
- VII. Are treasures for heaven what saves us? **NO!**
 - a. GOD HAS PROVIDED HIS GRACE TO SAVE US SUCH THAT: IN **EPHESIANS 2:8&9** “WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST AND THAT FAITH BROUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAST ANY OF US SHOULD BOAST”

VIII. ACCEPTING CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR MEANS WE ARE WILLING TO BE TRANSFORMED AND BE AN “ACTION” CHRISTIAN

- a) HOW MANY OF YOU BELIEVE CHRIST DIED FOR YOU – IF SO STAND UP – BEING A BELIEVER TAKES ACTION – CHRISTIANITY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT
- b. NOW HOW MANY OF YOU STANDING TOLD SOMEONE ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS OF THE SALVATION OF JESUS CHRIST LAST WEEK – IF SO **STAY STANDING** - THE OTHERS SIT DOWN

VIII. WHO MAKES THE RULES UNDER WHICH WE LIVE: **GOD DOES**

- a. OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS – GOD IS A JEALOUS AND LOVING GOD **EXODUS 20:5 JEALOUS UNTO THE 4TH GENERATION; 1ST JOHN 4:8 “BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE”**
- b. HE ALSO REQUIRES FRUIT FROM OUR WORK FOR HIM; AFTER WE ACCEPT CHRIST **MATTHEW 7:17 “A GOOD TREE BEARS GOOD FRUIT”**
MATTHEW 7:19“EVERY TREE THAT DOES NOT BEAR GOOD FRUIT IS CUT DOWN AND THROWN INTO THE FIRE”
- c. IN THE LAST CHAPTER OF MATTHEW: **MATTHEW 28:19** JESUS SAYS “**GO**” WHAT DOES THAT MEAN – IT MEANS “**GO**” THAT IS AN **ACTION WORD** NOT A RECEIVING WORD
- d. Does that mean “GOOD WORKS” are necessary for eternal life? No in Titus 3:4&5 God has saved us by HIS grace and not because of our good deeds. But “good deeds” will come from people grateful for God’s grace as in James 1:27 “**Religion that is pure and without fault is to care for those in trouble”**.”

IX. WHAT ARE **TREASURES IN HEAVEN** – FIRST UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE NOT TREASURES

- a. NOT EARTHLY RICHES / BIG HOUSE / 3 CARS in our 3 car garage / SAVINGS
- b. NOT JOB WORK IN WHAT WE PRODUCE FOR THE EARTH'S GNP
- c. NOT FRIENDSHIP / FAMILY (THESE ARE GOOD BUT NOT HEAVENLY RICHES)
- d. NOT THE MONEY WE GIVE TO THE CHURCH: YES; WE SHOULD TITHE 10% OF OUR INCOME TO THE LORD AS REQUIRED BY GOD, BUT THAT DOES NOT BUILD UP HEAVENLY TREASURES

- e. NOT CHURCH WORK: CHOIR / MARRIAGE ASSISTANCE / BUILDING CLEANUP / OR NURSERY WORK / OR CHURCH COUNCIL / OR EVEN CHURCH SPORTS - (THESE ARE GOOD BUT NOT HEAVENLY RICHES) DON'T STOP DOING THESE THINGS THEY ARE A SERVICE TO THE LORD BUT THEY ARE NOT HEAVENLY TREASURES!

X. THEN WHAT ARE HEAVENLY TREASURES

- a. **TO HAVE TREASURES IN HEAVEN: MATTHEW 19:21 & MARK 10:21 & LUKE 18:22 – “SELL ALL AND GIVE TO THE POOR THEN YOU WILL HAVE TREASURES IN HEAVEN**
- b. **JESUS SAID; IN LUKE 15:7 “THERE IS MORE JOY IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER THAT REPENTS THAN OVER THE 99 RIGHTEOUS PERSONS”**
- c. **NOTE: WHERE JESUS SAYS IN MATTHEW 25:40 “AS YOU HAVE DONE TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE YOU HAVE DONE UNTO ME”**
- d. LOOK AT JESUS LAST WORDS TO US – A COMMAND **“GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL”** IN **MATTHEW 28:19**

XI. LET US LOOK AT THE DECIPLES AS AN EXAMPLE

- a. WHAT WERE THE DECIPLES TRANSFORMED TO DO
 - i. NOTE COWARDS THAT ALL DESERTED JESUS - PETER EVEN DENIED HIM THREE TIMES AND WITH CURSES
 - ii. AFTER RESERECTION JESUS EXPLAINED THE CONNNECTION BETWEEN OLD AND NEW TESTEMENTS – THE 332 PROFICIES THAT HE FULLFILLED AND THAT ONLY THROUGH CHRIST ARE WE SAVED
 - iii. THEN THE DECIPLES WERE TRANSFORMED INTO SPIRITUAL WARRIERS FOR THE LORD
 - iv. THE DECIPLES WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ON PENTACOST AND WERE TRANSFORMED WITH GODS POWER
 - v. THEY TOOK ON THE **GIGANTIC PROBLEM** OF PREACHING THE GOSPLE TO NATIONS OF HOSTILE PAGENS

vi. ALL WERE BRAVE UNTO DEATH

b. THE DISCIPLES LAID UP TREASURES FOR HEAVEN BY TELLING OTHERS ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IN MOST CASES TO THE POOR

c. **HAS SUCH A TRANSFORMATION TAKEN PLACE IN YOUR LIFE?**

d. THUS HEAVENLY TREASURES ARE THOSE THAT WILL GREET US IN HEAVEN AND SAY: **“THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME WHEN I WAS POOR AND TELLING ME THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL AND PLANTING THE SEED OF SALVATION THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WATERED AND BROUGHT ME TO A TRUE FAITH IN MY LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST”**

XII. YES – HOW MANY **WILL** STAY STANDING **NEXT WEEK** IF ASKED DID YOU TELL SOMEONE ABOUT THE SALVATION STORY LAST WEEK – WHAT TREASURES ARE YOU CREATING?

XIII. NOTE IT WAS NOT A SUGGESTION OR A HINT OR A WELL YOU MIGHT DO THIS – BUT A COMMAND: **“GO AND ----**

XIV. YOU CAN DO THIS AT WORK / WITH RELATIVES / ON VACATION / AND MANY OPTIONS OR OPPORTUNITIES EXIST – PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO DIRECT YOUR PATH TO THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.

XV. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE:

I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THE HEAVENLY TREASURE HUNT MY WIFE AND I ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON:

XVI. AT PROJECT LOVE WE ARE LEAD BY THE LORD TO REACH AND SHARE THE GOSPLE OF SALVATION TO RESCUE THOSE CAUGHT IN THE SEXUAL SLAVERY OF TRAFFICKING AS WE WORK FROM **MATTHEW 25:40 “AS YOU HAVE DONE TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE YOU HAVE DONE UNTO ME”** THIS IS by **GODS** Project = **G**irls **O**f the **D**arkest **S**treet

XVII. NONE OF THOSE WE HAVE RESCUED KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE LORD

XVIII. STORY OF TWO GIRLS – THERE IS NO GOD - THEN WHO SENT HIM FROM AMERICA TO RESCUE US; - MAY BE GOD DID!

- XIX. LINCOLN FREED THE SLAVES 150 YEARS AGO BUT THERE ARE MORE TRAPPED IN SLAVERY NOW THAN THE POPULATION OF THE US AT THAT TIME OVER 27 MILLION
- XX. THIS IS NOT AN EASY TOPIC TO DISCUSS AN MANY PEOPLE FEEL SICK WHEN THEY HEAR THE DETAILS ABOUT SUCH SLAVERY – BUT WE NEED AN ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS TO PRAY, HELP RESCUE AND LEAD TO THE LORD GIRLS CAUGHT IN THIS SALVERY
- XXI. CONSIDER THAT IN AMERICA OVER HALF OF ALL THOSE YOU SEE ON POSTERS AS RUN AWAY GIRLS ARE NOT RUN-AWAY GIRLS BUT HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE SEXUAL SLAVERY OF PROSTITUTION
- XXII. WATCH THIS VIDEO FOR INFORMATION
- XXIII. YES – THIS IS A GIGANTIC PROBLEM BUT YOU DO NOT REACH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL WITH OUT A GIGANTIC PROBLEM TO SOLVE – DAVID DID NOT REACH HIS POTENTIAL WITH OUT GOLIATH
- XXIV. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT THIS IN: **MATTHEW21:31** PROSTITUES WILL ENTER HEAVEN BEFORE YOU! YOU MAY NOT LIKE THAT, BUT REMEMBER GOD MAKES THE RULES.
- XXV. Last Memorial Day we honored those that give time or their life for our country and to preserve our freedom. We know that the American freedom we treasure is not free – it has been purchased with the life blood of many. But Gods Grace is free to us; Yet we also know that it was not without a great cost - The sacrifice of God’s Son Jesus Christ on the Cross.

- XXVI. WE HAVE THE EXPERIENCE AND A PLAN TO RESCUE MANY BUT WE NEED HELP - WE NEED AN **ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS** - IN **JOEL 2:11** THE WORD OF THE LORD SAYS; **“THE LORD THUNDERS AT THE HEAD OF HIS ARMY; HIS FORCES ARE BEYOND NUMBER”**
- a. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AS GODS ARMY PRIVATES TO **PRAY**
 - b. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AS GODS ARMY SARGENTS TO CONTRIBUTE
 - c. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AS GODS ARMY OFFICERS TO HELP RESCUE AND REABILITATE
 - d. GOD HAS GIVEN US THE METHODS TO USE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK, BUT WE NEED THE HELP OF MANY VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD THESE UNFORTUNATE GIRLS TO THE LORD!
- XXVII. THE INITIAL EFFORT OF **GODS** Project IS to join in PRAYER, as we can not rescue 27 million but GOD can. And this effort is followed by a Christian Army that will identify and rescue multitudes, a center for trafficking victims here in Colorado, procedures that will reduce the number being trafficked each year, and also legislation and procedures to reduce the demand for trafficked girls.
- XXVIII. KNOW THAT THIS EFFORT IS NOT JUST OURS; we are joined with many organizations that are fighting trafficking (we are the only one with the goal to lead the rescued victims to the saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ), and we are joined with men’s organizations to reduce the demand for trafficked girls.
- XXIX. GOD HAS PUT THIS ON OUR HEARTS AND HE IS BEHIND GODS PROJECT; (story of the Pastors Conference at the Colorado Capital in Denver and God’s two snow storms).
- XXX. THE RESULTS ARE NOT JUST A HEAVENLY TREASURE HUNT, BUT DONE FOR THE **GLORY OF GOD**, AND GOD DOES GET THE CREDIT AND THE GLORY FOR EVERYONE RESCUED AND BROUGHT TO A SAVING FAITH.

- XXXI. WHAT IS ON YOUR HEART FOR A GIGANTIC PROBLEM TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL - WHAT HEAVENLY TREASURE HUNT WILL YOU GO ON? WHAT EVER IT IS **GIVE GOD THE GLORY** FOR THE RESULTS.
- XXXII. AFTER THE SERVICE IF GOD PUTS IT ON YOUR HEART TO VOLUNTEER FOR GODS ARMY PLEASE SIGN ACCORDING TO YOUR LEVEL OF COMMITMENT.
- XXXIII. LET US PRAY: HEAVENLY FATHER; PLACE ON EACH HEART A DESIRE TO REACH EACH PERSONS FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH SHARING THE GOSPLE OF SALVATION AND THUS LAY UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN AND GIVE YOU HEAVENLY FATHER ALL THE GLORY. AMEN